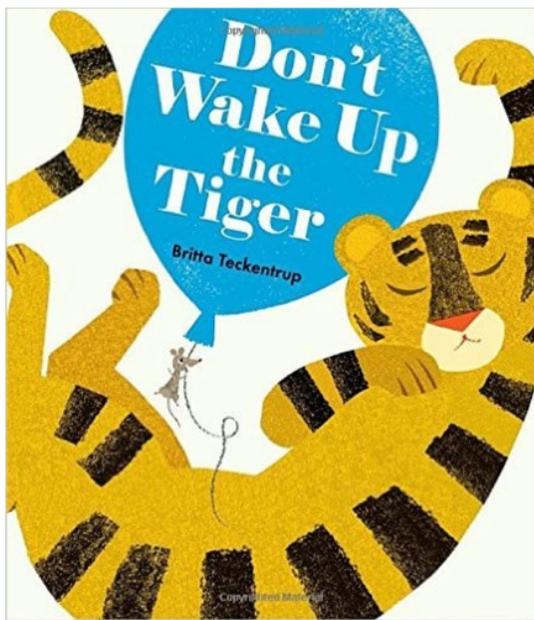


# Indiana Center for the Book Announces the 2017 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award



May 22, 2017—INDIANAPOLIS – Today, Indiana Center for the Book (ICB) Co-Directors Christy Franzman and Suzanne Walker are delighted to announce Children’s Author Britta Teckentrup as the 2017 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award winner for her book *Don’t Wake Up the Tiger*.

The Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative of the ICB to promote early childhood literacy in Indiana. The state award is chosen by the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Committee made up of professionals in Indiana including teachers, librarians, caregivers, and project coordinators; all of whom are involved in early childhood development.

“ICB is excited to be in its third year of this picture book award focusing on Early Literacy. Children from infancy to five are absolutely capable of enjoying books and being discriminating judges,” says ICB Co-Director Suzanne Walker. “The nominated books are chosen for their ability to encourage parents and children to talk, sing, read, write, and play together. It is our hope that caregivers will see this list of books as a quality go-to resource for having fun and learning with their young children.”

“*Don’t Wake Up the Tiger* is a fun, interactive book that kids really enjoy,” says ICB Co-Director Christy Franzman. “Getting children actively involved with books will motivate them on their road to literacy.”

Upon hearing the news of receiving the award, Author Britta Teckentrup said, “That’s wonderful news—how very exciting! Even more so as the award was voted for by children. Thank you very much for the award and for nurturing the love of reading and books!”



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***Don't Wake Up the Tiger Resources***

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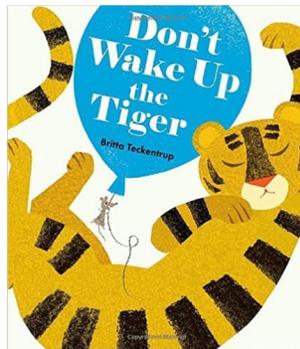
# Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award Nominees: 2016-2017



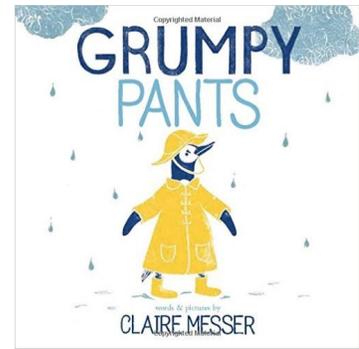
The following books were nominated for the 2016-2017 Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award. The winner was **Don't Wake Up the Tiger** by Britta Teckentrup.



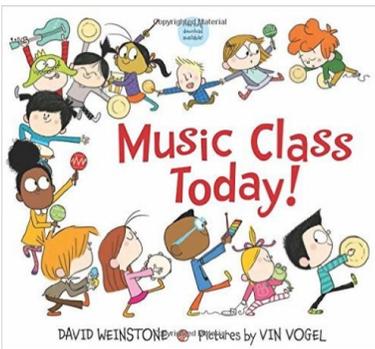
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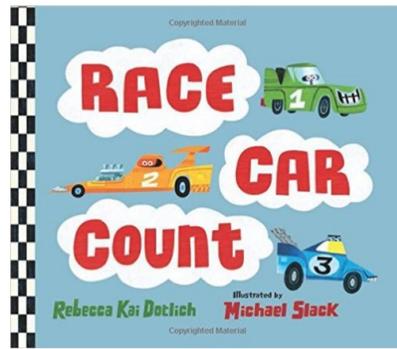
*Don't Wake Up the Tiger*  
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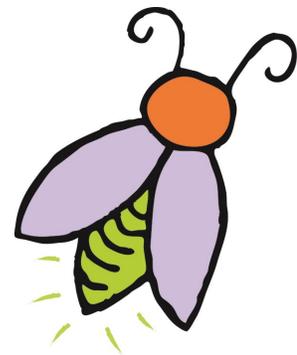
*Grumpy Pants*  
by Claire Messer



*Music Class Today!*  
by David Weinstone



*Race Car Count*  
by Rebecca Kai Dotlich



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